School of Nursing and Human Sciences
Research Assistant - Clinical Supervision Study
Fixed Term Part Time (2 days per week)
Contract for 9 months

Background:
Dublin City University (www.dcu.ie) is a research-intensive, globally-engaged, dynamic institution that is distinguished by both the quality and impact of its graduates, and its focus on the translation of knowledge into societal and economic benefit. DCU prepares its students well for success in life, and in the workplace, by providing a high-quality rounded education appropriate to the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. Excellence in its education and research activities has led to DCU’s consistent presence in the rankings of the world’s top young universities.

DCU has a strong track record in attracting both Irish and European Union funding under FP7, Horizon 2020, Marie Curie Actions and Erasmus. We offer a dynamic and internationally focused environment in which to advance your academic career.

Overview:
The School of Nursing and Human Sciences at DCU is a leader in its field with expertise in the provision of psychotherapy, psychology, nursing, sexuality studies, health and society, and other health and social care multidisciplinary educational and research programmes.

The Clinical Supervision study involves an exploration of the experience, processes and impact of individual clinical supervision for supervisory dyads in an Irish mental health service. Clinical supervision is believed to foster supervisees’ professional development and competence, and to ensure client welfare through monitoring the quality of professional services provided by supervisees. However, supervisory practice has only recently been recognised as a distinct professional competency, and knowledge about effective practice is at an early stage. This study has been funded by an Irish mental health service to contribute to development of their own supervisory practice as well as to wider knowledge in this field.

Role:
We are seeking an experienced and enthusiastic researcher to assist in the Clinical Supervision study based in the School of Nursing and Human Sciences. Supervisory dyads in an Irish mental health service have been recording their supervisory meetings over a 6-month period since summer 2018 and data collection is nearing completion. In line with the study protocol, the candidate will engage in analysis and coding of recorded meetings, qualitative and quantitative analysis of additional study material (journals and client outcome data), literature reviews, and will assist in the preparation of academic papers and study reports. The post is part-time, two days per week, for a 9-month period.
Principal duties and responsibilities:
Reporting to the Principal Investigator, the Research Assistant will:

- Conduct with a high degree of competence a specified programme of research under the supervision and direction of the Principal investigator. This will include:
  - Literature reviews;
  - Data analysis;
  - Delivery of project outputs and reports as required by the project schedule;
  - Administrative work associated with the programme of research as necessary.
- Support the publication and dissemination of research outputs through preparation of articles for peer-reviewed journals and of study reports for the funding organisation.
- Liaise with the funding organisation and other collaborators.
- Engage in appropriate training and development opportunities as required by the Principal Investigator, the School or the University.
- Variation of these duties and any other relevant duties as assigned by the Principal Investigator.

Minimum criteria:
The candidate should have either a Bachelor’s or Master’s Degree in Psychotherapy, Psychology or a related area, and a minimum of one year’s experience (fulltime or part-time) working in a health or social care setting. Applicants should also have:

- Excellent written and oral proficiency in English.
- Strong written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills.
- Skills and experience in the design, management, conduct and writing up of empirical research.
- Demonstrable ability to work independently with initiative, and as a team member.
- Proven ability to manage workloads and work to strict deadlines.
- Excellent attention to detail.

In addition, it is desirable that applicants have:

- Experience of working with both qualitative and quantitative research data.
- Academic article writing skills and experience.
- Presentation skills and experience.

Closing date: Friday 18th January, 2019

Salary scales: *€21,891 - €32,728 pro rata

*Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience, and will be made on the appropriate point of the IUA Researcher (Research Assistant) salary scale in line with current Government pay policy.
Informal enquiries to:
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Please do not send applications to this email address, instead apply as described below.

Application Procedure
Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies (open Competitions) website at https://www.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies/current.shtml and also from the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 (0) 1 700 5149.

Applications, with a covering letter, should be submitted electronically by email, fax or post to the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Tel: +353 1 700 5149; Fax: +353 1 700 5500, Email: hr.applications@dcu.ie

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job Ref #1081 Research Assistant (Clinical Supervision Study), School of Nursing and Human Sciences.

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